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1. GOJ CONTINUES STUDY OF USG PROPOSAL CONCERNING RENEGOTIATION OF INPFC AND NOT YET READY TO RESPOND FORMALLY. PROGRESS IN REACHING POSITION IS SLOW BECAUSE MATSUURA OF FISHERIES AGENCY STILL IN MOSCOW AS PART OF TEAM NEGOTIATING EXTENSION OF TWO EXISTING SHORT-TERM AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIETS; THUS, HIS ADVICE ON INPFC HAS NOT BEEN READILY AVAILABLE.

2. INFORMALLY, SAITO OF FISHERIES AGENCY HAS INFORMED FISHATT THAT PROVISION TO FISH EAST OF PROPOSED ABSTENTION LINE THROUGH PERMIT SYSTEM, THOUGH AN ACCOMMODATION BY USG, IS PROBABLY NO MORE THAN THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY. HE FEELS THAT ADVICE OF NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES REGIONAL COUNCIL ON ISSUANCE OF PERMITS WOULD PREVAIL; THERE-

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FORE, ONLY IN CASE OF ENORMOUS RUN WOULD JAPAN BE ALLOWED TO FISH, AND PERHAPS NOT EVEN THEN. HE INVOLVED STRONG FEELING IS STILL EVIDENT IN FISHERIES AGENCY THAT USG HAS GONE BACK ON ITS WORD BY NOT ADHERING TO "CLINGAN UNDERSTANDING" REACHED WITH GOJ AS POSIBION IN SALMON ARTICLE OF LOS.

3. GOJ LEGAL EXPERTS ALSO CAREFULLY STUDYING
PROPOSAL. SAITO SAID, IN HIS VIEW, LEGAL PROBLEMS
MAY EXIST CONCERNING VALIDITY OF RENEGOTIATING
CONVENTION THROUGH MECHANISM USG PROPOSES.
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